Chilly but drier for most over the Bank Holiday

4 May 2012 - The weather is set to turn chillier for the Bank Holiday weekend, with colder air spreading from the north, although with a good deal of dry weather in store.

Many parts of England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be largely dry, although with the risk of some rain for the south coast of England on Saturday.

A frosty start on Sunday will be followed by a dry day for most with some sunshine but it will feel chilly. Scotland will see occasional showers over the weekend, some of them wintry in nature, perhaps reaching northern England on Sunday.

Tony Waters, Met Office Chief Forecaster, said: "Following the wet weather many areas have had over the last week or so, it looks like we will see more in the way of dry weather this coming weekend but it will feel much colder than of late."

Bank Holiday Monday will again start frosty and generally dry but rain is expected to spread from the south-west during the morning, affecting many areas through the day. A few wintry showers are likely to continue across Scotland.

More prolonged rainfall is forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday but it should turn milder.

The cold weather for the Bank Holiday weekend comes after a particularly wet and windy weekend to finish April, which was the wettest in more than a century for the UK. Met Office forecasts for the severe weather helped people across the UK prepare for and minimise the impacts of the bad conditions.

Nick Baldwin, Independent Chair of the Met Office Public Weather Service Customer Group, said: "The last week has seen heavy rain and strong winds bring significant impacts to the UK, especially through the past weekend. Forecasts and warnings the Met Office has provided to Government Agencies and the public alike have given clear and accurate guidance."

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